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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee, Diversity and Digital Empowerment

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the November 19, 2018, meeting and agenda of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE).

DATES: November 19, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESS: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to members of the public. The FCC will accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will also provide audio and video coverage of the meeting over the Internet at www.fcc.gov/live. Oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the ACDDE will be permitted to the extent time permits and at the discretion of the ACDDE Chair and the DFO. Members of the public may submit comments to the ACDDE

in the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments to the ACDDE should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

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Proposed Agenda: The agenda at this meeting will feature a report from each of the ACDDE Working Groups. The *Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group* will report on its assessment of access, adoption, and use of broadband and new technologies by under-resourced communities, and its recent workshop on supplier diversity for small, female- and minority-owned entrepreneurs, which included one-on-one networking opportunities. The *Diversity in Tech Working Group* will report on its examination of issues pertaining to hiring, promotion, and retention of women and minorities in tech industries, and its research to develop a "best practices" guide for employers in the tech sector. The *Broadcast Diversity and Development Working Group* will report on the status of the broadcast incubator proceeding and the working group's involvement in that effort to increase broadcast ownership opportunities for small business and new entrants, including those owned by women and minorities. In addition, the working group will provide an update on its ongoing initiatives to examine diversity and inclusion in broadcast employment and management.

The Committee's mission is to provide recommendations to the FCC on how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees. The Committee will provide recommendations on how to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not denied the wide range of opportunities made possible by next-generation networks and develop best practices regarding training and hiring opportunities for women and minorities to encourage diversity in the tech industry.

This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the ACDDE Chair and the DFO.

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